SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I will put the question at the end."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put the question straightaway."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. I wish to draw the attention of the Chair to rule 40 of the Assembly Rules according to which no discussion shall be permitted at question-time in respect of a question or of any answer given to a question."

Prosecutions under Foodgrains Control Order.

* 3 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether after decontrol of foodgrains any orders have been issued in connexion with prosecutions already sanctioned regarding transport of paddy and other grains without permit when there was Foodgrains Control Order in force; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The instructions are that all cases dealing with offences against the Movement Control Orders in which the value of goods involved is Rs. 100 or less (at the controlled retail rates), should be withdrawn, provided the offence is not deliberate and the accused is not a regular blackmarketeer, and excepting also cases where the Collector considers it undesirable to withdraw the case, for valid reasons."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know whether any instructions have been issued by the Government to the Judicial Magistrates to be sympathetic and lenient in their judgments on food control offences? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not issue any instructions to the Judiciary."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know the position in respect of offences in which the value of goods involved is slightly above Rs. 100? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Marginal cases are always considered on their merits."

Drainage scheme for Tenali.

* 4 Q.—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what the estimated cost of the drainage scheme for Tenali is ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The estimated cost of the drainage scheme for the Tenali Municipality is about Rs. 30·39 lakhs to install and about Rs. 63,100 per annum to maintain."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ స్కీము ఆచరణలో పెట్టడానికి ప్రభుత్వము ఏమైనా నిర్ణయానికి వచ్చినదా ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

Changes in the Panchayat Act.

* 5 Q.—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Cabinet Sub-Committee set up to go into the Panchayat Act suggested any changes in the Act; and

(b) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The report of the Cabinet Sub-Committee is a confidential document."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" అయ్యా, రిపోర్టు ఉన్నది అని చెప్పుతూ ఇప్పటికి ఎన్నికలు పెడుతున్నారు. వీటిమీద కమిటీవారు ఏమి సిఫార్సులు చేశారో తెలియజేయడం ప్రభుత్వంవారి విధి కాదా ?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" అది confidential document కాబట్టి చెప్పుటకు వీలులేదు."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" ఆ సిఫార్సుల కనుగుణంగా చట్టాన్ని మార్చడానికి సవరణలు యీ సభకు ప్రవేశపెడతారా ?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" అవన్నీ కూడ Cabinet ముందు ఉన్నాయి."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When do the Government propose to hold elections for the panchayats?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" ఈ నెల 15 వ తేది నుంచి ఆరంభమవుతుంది."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Have the Government launched on any scheme for the reorganization of the existing panchayats as they have already become obsolete?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Reconstitution is beginning on the 15th of November."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" మేజరు పంచాయితీలను, మైనరు పంచాయితీలను విడదీసి, మైనరు పంచాయితీలలో చేతులు ఎత్తేటటువంటి ఎన్నిక పద్ధతిని పెట్టడానికి ప్రభుత్వము నిశ్చయించినట్లు పత్రికలలో ప్రచురింపబడినది. ఇది నిజమేనా? అయితే ప్రజలు ఈ పద్ధతిపట్ల వ్యతిరేక అభిప్రాయాలు వెలిబుచ్చుతున్నారు కనుక ఈ దృక్పథాన్ని ప్రభుత్వము అనుసరిస్తుందా ?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" We are only following the old system."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Has the Sub-Committee made any recommendation with regard to the point raised by Mr. Venkateswarlu?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member will please repeat the question."